

RANKING QUESTIONS

Note that political concerns or public reaction are **not** criteria to consider at this stage in the process:

Niche

1. Does this site contribute to the unit's niche?

[Use Forest Niche Bridge]

- 20 = Site strongly contributes to the niche (Site closely conforms to all factors in the Niche Bridge).
- 12 = Site indirectly contributes or is a partial contributor to the niche (Site closely conforms to some, but not all, Niche Bridge factors)
- 5 = Site meets minimal Niche conformance requirements (Site closely conforms to at least one Niche Bridge factor)
- 1 = Site does not contribute to the niche (Site does not conform to any Niche Bridge factors)

2. For the entire operating season, is this site filled to capacity?

[Auto-calculated from Worksheet 4, Column O]

- 15 = Average Occupancy % = 40%+
- 12 = Average Occupancy % = 30-39%
- 8 = Average Occupancy % = 20-29%
- 4 = Average Occupancy % = 10-19%
- 1 = Average Occupancy % = <10%

Financial Sustainability

3. What is the Facility Condition Index (FCI) of this site? ([FCI is the ratio of total constructed feature Deferred maintenance to the Current Replacement Value of the sites' constructed features].

[Auto-calculated from Worksheet 2a, Column T]

- 10 = FCI is 0.100 or less
- 5 = FCI is between 0.100 and 0.200
- 1 = FCI is greater than 0.200

4. How does the site's NET COST PER VISIT compare to other sites of the same Type and with the same Development Scale on the Forest (Net Cost/visit = Site Revenue – Site Cost/estimated visits)?

[Auto-calculated from Worksheet 4, Column M]

- 10 = Lower net cost/visit than average
- 5 = About average net cost/visit
- 1 = Higher than average net cost/visit

5. What is the likelihood for securing needed funding (appropriated funds, recreation fees, G-T off-set, grants, or other sources) to address the deferred maintenance backlog at this site??

- 8 = High likelihood that funding will be available to meet all DM needs within the next 5 years.
- 4 = Likely that funding will be available to meet some but not all DM needs within the next 5-10 years.
- 1 = Not likely that funding will be available; majority of DM backlog not addressed within the next 10 years
- 0 = Site is planned, does not exist.

6. How does the site's ANNUAL O&M COST PER PAOT DAY compare to other sites of the same Type and with the same Development Scale on the Forest?

[Auto-calculated from Worksheet 4, Column R]

- 7 = Lower cost/PAOT than average
- 4 = About average cost/PAOT
- 1 = Higher than average cost/PAOT

Environmental Sustainability

7. How difficult will it be to limit visitor access if this site is closed?

- 1 = Low level of difficulty – closure feasible
- 2 = Moderate level of difficulty – closure not practical unless decommissioned (including a bit of time to let vegetation grow back, etc) but decommissioning would be effective
- 4 = Moderately high level of difficulty - Decommissioning feasible but light visitation likely to continue to occur anyway
- 6 = High level of difficulty - Decommissioning difficult or impractical due to location, design, etc and/or moderate use likely to continue anyway (especially at peak times)
- 8 = Very high level of difficulty – Decommissioning difficult or impractical due to location, design, etc and large number of visitors will still be drawn to the site even after decommissioning (e.g., a site where it is difficult to block access - and there is a well known feature that will continue to draw interest)

8. Is there the potential to create significant adverse environmental impacts if this site is closed?

- 1 = Little or no potential – any impacts would be minor and acceptable
- 2 = Moderate potential – impacts likely to occur; mitigation efforts likely needed and should be effective
- 4 = High potential – likely that substantial impacts will occur; not feasible to mitigate effectively (e.g., visitors continue to visit the site causing sanitation or erosion problems even though it is decommissioned)

9. What is the likelihood that closure will create a significant problem at another location?

- 1 = Little or no likelihood of creating a problem elsewhere
- 2 = Moderate likelihood of creating a problem elsewhere
- 4 = High likelihood of creating a problem elsewhere (e.g., visitation will be displaced to another site that is not prepared to deal with it)

1. What is the degree of risk to heritage resources if this site is closed?

- 1 = Little or no risk and/or a positive benefit for heritage resources
- 2 = Moderate risk
- 4 = High risk (i.e., a heritage site will be prone to significant vandalism due to absence of recreation visitors at the site)

Community Stability

10. Are there other possible providers in the area – including similar FS sites - that could offer a similar opportunity/experience?

- 3 = No other providers in the area or other providers are operating to capacity.
- 2 = There are other providers although they may be more distant and/or offer somewhat different opportunities
- 1 = There are other providers in fairly close proximity that offer similar opportunities

12. Will accessibility or maintaining opportunities for under-served populations be adversely affected if this site were closed?

- 3 = Closure would displace a predominantly under-served user group and/or eliminate a site that serves as the location for meeting accessible program needs
- 2 = Moderate adverse affect
- 1 = Little or no adverse affect

13. How does this site contribute to local community identity/image, commerce and sustainability?

- 4 = This site contributes to the local community's identity/image, commerce and sustainability as evidenced by: e.g. increased business within the community, especially from outside the community; (ex: photos/references of the site may appear on chamber of commerce flyers); the site contributes to the community's niche.
- 2 = Moderate contributor
- 1 = Insignificant contributor